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Senator Lincoln Chafee Earns 79% Rating on LCV's 2003 National Environmental Scorecard

Earns Highest Score Among Republican Senators

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WASHINGTON, DC – The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) today announced that Senator Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) earned a solid 79 percent rating for his environmental voting record over the past year, as listed in the 2003 *National Environmental Scorecard*. Published by LCV since 1970, the *Scorecard* evaluates the performance of every member of Congress on the most important environmental votes of the session. The national average score for 2003 was 46 percent in the House and 41 percent in the Senate.

“LCV commends Senator Chafee on his solid LCV score for 2003 – the highest score among Republicans in the Senate,” said Betsy Loyless, LCV President. “In particular, we applaud Senator Chafee’s independence in standing up against a damaging, polluter-subsidized energy bill.”

The Rhode Island delegation averaged 98 percent in the House and 87 percent in the Senate, a change of +3 in the House and +3 in the Senate.

To view the entire 2003 *National Environmental Scorecard*, visit www.lcv.org.

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The nonprofit League of Conservation Voters (LCV) is the political voice of the national environmental and conservation community. LCV, which is not a partisan organization, is the only national organization working full-time to hold Congress and the president accountable for their environmental actions. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.lcv.org.

